

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1452 - SB 2241

February 10, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to release a report after the 2015-2016 administration of the TNReady test that contains at least 70 percent of test questions; test answer options; and student answers from the first year's administration to each student; student's teacher; and the student's parent or guardian. Reports shall be provided no less than 60 days after the test is administered.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – \$3,762,600/FY15-16

Assumptions:

- Based information from the Department of Education (DOE), the TNReady assessment is being provided through a contractor, Measurement Inc., in FY15-16.
- Test items are owned by Measurement Inc. and are not currently available for release by the state. As a result, the DOE will be required to purchase the test bank for the FY15-16 assessment; a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$2,300,000 that would occur in the current fiscal year, FY15-16.
- In addition, the DOE will prepare individual student reports for the assessments in grades three through eight and student reports for the end-of-course assessments.
- Based on information from the DOE, the cost for online report support and maintenance is estimated to be \$83,338 per assessment; a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$666,704 (\$83,338 x 8 assessments) occurring in FY15-16.
- DOE will prepare an estimated 420,000 individual student reports for all parties for the assessments in grades three through eight at a cost of \$0.80 per report, a one-time increase in one-time state expenditures of \$336,000 (420,000 x \$0.80) occurring in FY15-16.
- DOE will prepare an estimated 630,000 individual student reports for all required parties for the end-of-course assessments at a cost of \$0.73 per report, a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$459,900 (630,000 x \$0.73) occurring in FY15-16
- The total one-time increase in state expenditures that will occur in FY15-16 is estimated to be \$3,762,604 (\$2,300,000 + \$666,704 + \$336,000 + \$459,900).

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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